

Chambers of
Phil M. McNagay, Jr.
Judge

United States District Court
Northern District of Indiana
Hammond, Indiana 46325

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Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director
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Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear Admiral Turner:

I was the Judge in the William Peter Kampiles case which was recently tried in Hammond, Indiana. I can of course make no comment on the evidence or as to the guilt or innocence of the accused. It does seem necessary and proper, however, for me to comment on certain evidence that surfaced during the trial which has a direct bearing on the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. Frankly, I was appalled to learn of the slipshod practices and lack of security that prevailed in at least that part of the Agency to which Kampiles was assigned. I strongly recommend that a transcript of the evidence be ordered in order to verify the accuracy of my observations.

A list of some of the more obvious shortcomings is as follows:

STAT 1. The supervisor in charge of the first copy of the [redacted] Manual destroyed the Manual without making a record of its destruction until a year and a half later. The document was not destroyed in the presence of witnesses as is required by the regulations. The witness had to admit on the stand that the jury had only his word that the document had been destroyed.

STAT 2. The [redacted] Manual is reputed to be one of our most top secret documents. A copy of the Manual was kept in the Watch Tower Operations Center. According to the testimony of one of the witnesses from the CIA, he placed the document in the Operations Center in December of 1976. No inventory was kept as to the documents and the supervisor did not know that it was missing until Kampiles confessed on August 15, 1978.